

28. (Amended) The tampon of Claim 23 wherein the tampon has a longitudinal direction and is capable of substantially uniform radial expansion along the longitudinal direction.

Please cancel Claim 27 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 9-12, 14-21, and 23-28 were pending in the present application. These claims have been examined, and they stand rejected under various rejections. By this paper, Claim 23 has been amended, and Claim 27 has been canceled. Therefore, Claims 9-12, 14-19, 23-26, and 28 are pending in the present application.

The amended Claim 23 is fully supported in the original disclosure. In particular, this amendment merely cancels language which the Office has objected to as being unsupported in the original disclosure. The amendments to Claims 10 and 28 are intended to clarify the claim language as suggested by the Examiner.

In addition, the specification has been amended at page 4, lines 6 and 27. Support for these amendments can be found in the drawings in Figs. 1, 2, and 4. In particular, the amendment to line 6 merely describes that which can be seen in Figs. 1 and 2, and the amendment to line 27 merely describes Figs. 2 and 4. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Objections

Applicants include one new drawing sheet including Figs. 1-3 and 10. Fig. 10 is amended to include the change the line from reference numeral 17 to a phantom line reflecting that the longitudinal rib in this figure is in phantom. A letter to the